

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

RADON ACTION MONTH January 2012

WHEREAS, Exposure to radon poses significant health risks and is considered to be the second-leading cause of lung cancer next to smoking; and

WHEREAS, smoking combined with elevated indoor radon levels is an especially serious health risk; and

WHEREAS, children may receive higher radiation doses from radon exposure due to their smaller lungs and faster breathing rates; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40 percent of homes in this Commonwealth have radon levels greater than the action level at which the Environmental Protection Agency recommends fixing a home to prevent or mitigate radon intrusion; and

WHEREAS, in this Commonwealth, 49 of the 67 counties have predicted indoor radon levels greater than this action level; and

WHEREAS, using current technology, the risk of lung cancer due to indoor radon exposure can easily be decreased; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection is conducting a public awareness campaign in connection with the Environmental Protection Agency's "National Radon Action Month" to increase public and professional awareness about health risks associated with radon exposure and the need for increased testing and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, public outreach partners include the American Lung Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, the Eastern Regional Radon Training Center, Pennsylvania Resource Council, County Health Departments, Central Penn Parent and related Parent magazines across the Commonwealth, and Pennsylvania Builder and related building and local government magazines.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as "RADON ACTION MONTH" in Pennsylvania.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor at the City of Harrisburg, this first day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Commonwealth, two hundred and thirty-sixth.

Tom Corbett
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Governor